



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration  
New Orleans District Compliance D1288B

4298 Elysian Fields Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70122

March 25, 1997

**WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-35**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. William Kinsler  
Vice President of Operations  
Louisiana Dock Company  
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Harahan, Louisiana 70123

Dear Mr. Kinsler:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1250), observed by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigators, during an inspection of your vessel watering point at 5004 River Road, Harahan, Louisiana, on March 18, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

- 1) no check valve installed at junctions of main water line at main ramp at southwest entrance, and connections are constructed of inappropriate materials;
- 2) no backflow protection device installed on the hose bibb connected to the water line located at the sewerage system;
- 3) cap and keeper chain not installed on the potable water outlet/2.5" pipe and the outlet was leaking;
- 4) cut-off valve not installed on the water line (on the southwest side of the tool room) connected to the shower;


- 5) cap and keeper chain not installed on the office barge hydrant;
- 6) no backflow prevention device installed on the hose bibb connected to the water line on the west side of the 2.5" pipe, and a not-in-use hose with an unprotected opening was attached.

Accordingly, we are classifying the watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements.

If significant corrections are not made by April 25, 1997, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) days, of actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to Nicole F. Hardin, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3848.

Sincerely,

  
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Acting District Director  
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

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